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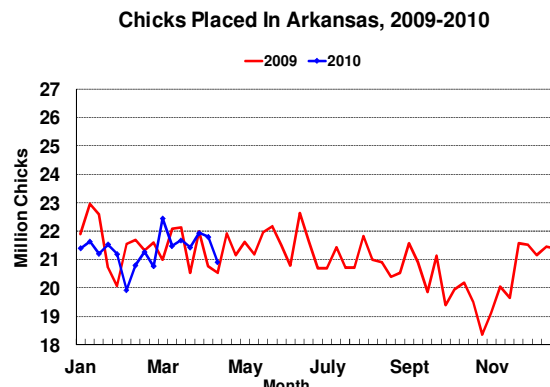
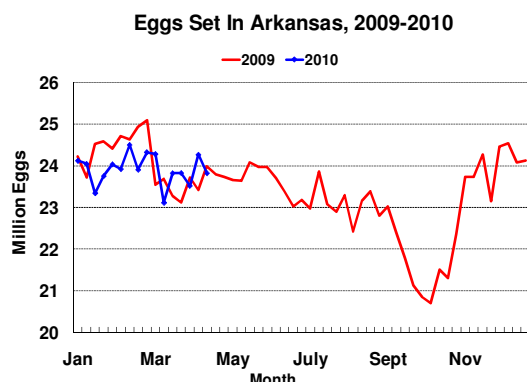


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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 2 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 20.9 million during the week ending April 17, 2010. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2009 but down 4 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 17, 2010, down slightly from the same period last year and down 2 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, March 20, 2010 - April 17, 2010

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	20-Mar	27-Mar	3-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	20-Mar	27-Mar	3-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	30,274	30,357 *	29,344	30,132	30,182	20,750	20,850	20,504	20,790 *	21,438
Arkansas	23,825	23,828 *	23,520	24,268 *	23,825	21,677	21,428	21,932	21,793 *	20,910
Delaware	3,615	3,709	3,771	3,783 *	3,785	4,994	4,391	4,672	4,654 *	5,409
Florida	1,316	1,343	1,350	1,342	1,382	1,029	1,076	972	944	1,102
Georgia	31,701	31,500	31,094	31,925	31,808	26,433	27,287	26,235	26,788	26,420
Kentucky	8,177	7,551 *	7,784	8,301	7,566	5,963 *	6,236 *	6,837	6,792	6,201
Louisiana	3,500	3,470	3,379	3,500	3,500	3,043	3,059	3,023	3,112	3,134
Maryland	9,141	9,089	8,965	9,058	8,906	6,069	6,223	6,099	7,133 *	5,786
Mississippi	19,503	19,405	19,204	18,939	19,160	16,891	16,766	16,463	17,012 *	16,879
N. Carolina	18,480	18,713 *	18,654	18,464	18,748	15,610	15,853	15,705	15,089	15,600
Oklahoma	6,986	6,907 *	6,880	7,202 *	7,140	4,286	4,347	3,290	5,179	4,399
Pennsylvania	3,743	3,791	3,691 *	3,720 *	3,773	2,993	2,943	3,036 *	2,980 *	2,925
S. Carolina	6,048	5,990	5,735	5,770	5,507	4,810	4,114	4,775	5,416	5,344
Texas	15,545	14,762	15,568	15,548	15,654	13,223	12,840	12,984	13,021	12,462
Virginia	6,412	6,178	6,466	6,527	6,531	5,052	5,328	5,316	4,840	4,661
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,115 *	18,729 *	18,925 *	19,559 *	19,375	17,108 *	16,422 *	16,683 *	16,964 *	16,805
19 State Total	207,381 *	205,322 *	204,330 *	208,038 *	206,842	169,931 *	169,163 *	168,526 *	172,507 *	169,475
Prev. Year Total	201,053	200,465	204,257	203,712	203,819	171,987	167,562	168,792	167,137	166,888
% of Prev. Year	103	102	100	102	101	99	101	100	103	102

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 17, 2010. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 17, 2010. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through April 17, 2010 were 2.52 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.